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Jackie Dorothy Region VIII Winner Small Business Journalist of the Year 2008

Riverton – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration has named Jackie Dorothy, Bureau Reporter, Fremont County, KCWY Channel 13 News, as the Wyoming Small Business Journalist of the Year 2008. Jackie continued on to win the Region VIII Small Business Journalist of the Year 2008 award which included competition from Montana, Utah, North and South Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming. The award will be presented to Jackie by Steven Despain, District Director of the Wyoming Small Business Administration, on April 24, 2008 at the 8th Annual Native American Business Expo to be held at the Wyoming Indian High School in Ethete. Jackie was nominated by Lisa Wagner, Executive Director of the Wind River Development Fund.

This award is given to an individual making concerted efforts to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy; who makes contributions of news and feature stories, editorials, columns and commentary that highlight and analyze small business issues; this person performs volunteer community service aimed at enhancing small business opportunity and growth and other achievements that exemplify the nominee's media efforts to improve the understanding of the role of small business in the U.S. economy.

The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Jackie has contributed numerous news and feature stories that bring attention to and highlight small business issues in the community. She has been a particular advocate for the development of minority businesses and business development on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Because Channel 13 is a state-wide news program, Jackie's coverage of business issues impacts not only Fremont County and the Reservation, but the state as a whole. Jackie has also volunteered countless hours to help enhance small business opportunities and help grow the local economy. As a small business owner herself and a descendant of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, she serves as a role model and inspiration for aspiring entrepreneurs in Fremont County, on the Reservation and around the state.

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